

This reply is being submitted within the shortened statutory period, if any. However, if an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby petitions for the appropriate extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

REMARKS

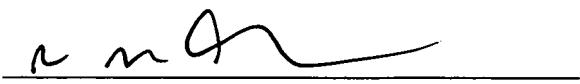
Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested, and Applicant hereby traverses the restriction requirement. Examination of the entire application would not be a serious burden on the Examiner.

However, in the interest of advancing prosecution of the present application without additional delay, Applicants elect to continue prosecution of the claims directed to processes of treating a biological material (claims 1-24).

Applicants earnestly solicit allowance of all pending claims, including all generic claims.

The Examiner should contact the undersigned if there are any issues regarding this restriction requirement or the current Application.

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